

GAMBLERS' FEVER AT SARATOGA

Gaming Fever at Its Highest in the New York Health And Racing Resort—Stories of High Play.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Saratoga's gaming fever has reached the stage of delirium. Conversation of the hotel-keepers drifts almost inevitably to the race track and clubhouse, and incidentally to the thousands won or lost in the betting ring or at the faro and roulette tables. A very large proportion of the throngs that continue to pour in here are attracted by the betting, and intend to devote themselves to it as long as they remain or while their funds last. There is certainly no other resort on the Continent where so many persons gather for no other purpose than the excitement of making wagers.

That there will be any serious attempt to fasten down the lid during the present season is not believed by the average Saratoga resident, who is satisfied with the status quo, because it draws money here from every direction. While there have been occasional visits from rich men here which have resulted in the closing of the clubs, there has invariably been a strong reaction. Public sentiment is now in favor of an open season.

Possibly the greatest surprise of the season was occasioned by the statement of Senator Edgar T. Brackett, declaring that the law could not be disregarded so as to place this village on a level with a Western mining camp.

Some sporting men construe his utterance as a plea for single clubhouses, and the fact is recalled that he is counsel for Richard Canfield, and that he has done a brilliant battle for him in aid of the courts and the Legislature.

Little fear is entertained that Governor Higgins will interfere, as his predecessor in office, including Mr. Roosevelt, have all deemed it good policy to give a free rein to the officials of Saratoga County. The fact that the Governor was again quoted this afternoon as having no official knowledge of the situation is taken as an indication that he will follow precedent.

On every hand it is predicted that unless the lid is forced down, Saratoga will have the greatest August in its history and that the accommodations for lodging and feeding will be overtaxed. While few of the wealthy speculators here have yet made any sensational or spectacular plays, there has been very heavy gambling by professionals, who usually avoid Canfield's clubhouse. The largest losing of the season was made last night by Billy the Butcher, the Clubhouse Commissioner at the race track. He played on Saturday night, and, after losing \$10,000, recovered the entire amount and left \$2,500 winner, returning later and leaving some of his money with the house.

He began operations last evening with \$1,000 worth of chips, keeping the cases at the faro table. When he was \$10,000 in arrears he pleaded with one of the proprietors of the place for leave to obtain \$10,000 more chips on credit, but the request was denied. While he was at the faro table, "Dutch Fred" Becker, a well-known figure at the track, was standing near by and trying to tempt the roulette wheel. Although he generally risks only small sums in gambling, he was dropped \$1,000 before he decided to stop.

Nobody won any considerable amount, and the profits of the house for the night are placed at about \$10,000. One of the heaviest losses of the night was "Young Corbett," the pugilist, who had had a phenomenal day at the race track.

One gambler who arrived at the Grand Union Saturday evening on his way to a vacation in Canada, dropped into Canfield's about 11 o'clock, and an hour and a half later returned to the hotel, paid for the dinner he had eaten, got together his baggage, and with a pocket stuffed with railway station, where he caught the 1 o'clock train back to New York.

"They cleaned me out," said he with an air of intense disgust. "No fishing for me in Canada this summer. I have my transportation in my pocket, but what good are railroad tickets without money with which to pay the hotel bills? Back to Broadway for mine."

A unique feature of Canfield's is the uniformed policeman who stands at the front door all night long. Sleepy plungers leaving the soft carpeted lobby and the hallways to the serious-faced dealers for their hotly played game as they come out.

"Good night, officer," the lucky ones sing out to him.

"Good night," he replies as he paces up and down, staring his night stick.

Why he stands there to one seems to know. Some persons think he is commissioned to scare away thieves who might break in and steal. Others think he is ordered to arrest anyone who may become obnoxious. A Wall Street broker who is at the Union Club, and has been noted there for his habit of betting, has been asked by one of his henchmen who may have a desire to indulge in a sport which they have prevented the rest of New York from enjoying.

"Anyone who can sport evening clothes and a few \$20 bills will receive a royal welcome by the gaming fraternity of the place. With the close of the first day of racing the heavy gambling will be increased, commensurate. So far no one has won or lost a fortune. But, anyhow, the lid is off. And Saratoga to-day is the liveliest town in the country."

PROMINENT WARRENSBURG, MO., COUPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



Warrensburg, Mo., Aug. 5.—Mr. Edward L. De Garmo is one of the oldest citizens of Warrensburg, and has long been identified with its commercial, social and religious growth. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on the 14th of June and had the above picture taken on that day. Mr. De Garmo, who is French Huguenot descent, was born in Philadelphia September 4, 1811. His wife, whose maiden name was Smith, came from a prominent German family and was born at Madison, Ind., September 2, 1814.

Mr. De Garmo's ancestors took an active part in the American Revolution. He himself has an honorable record of service on the Union side in the Civil War. He held a commission from Governor Martin, the great War Governor of Indiana, in the secret service, and had many thrilling experiences. He was wounded seven times, once very severely. At one time, when he was on an important mission, he traveled ninety-five miles in sixty-three minutes, including one stop, on a locomotive. He returned from the service at the close of the war with the rank of Colonel.

He came to Warrensburg immediately after the close of the Civil War and has served the city in various public capacities. He is still active and vigorous, but Mrs. De Garmo is an invalid.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. De Garmo is the wife of James W. Suddath of this city, who is among the prominent lawyers of Western Missouri and who is mentioned for Congress in this district to succeed David De Armond.

C. D. MIDDLETON, BY U. A. McBRIDE.

TO SAVE TELEPHONE POLES.

Forestry Service Makes New Experiments in Seasoning Wood.

Washington, Aug. 5.—During the last year the Forest Service, in cooperation with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been making an investigation into the best methods of seasoning telephone poles and of treating them with preservatives.

Fifty green poles were furnished every month to each of the five experimental stations. Each pole was exposed to the open air and was weighed every month until it ceased to lose weight. The rate at which weight was lost showed the rate of seasoning in different months.

After one year of seasoning preservative treatment was applied to the poles, beginning last spring. Most of those at two of the stations—Wilmington and Pisgah, N. C.—were treated by applying the preservative with a brush. In a few cases a cat or plate was fitted to the pole and creosote forced in by a pump, but with unsatisfactory results.

To test the efficacy of the treatment as a preventive against decay, the poles were carefully numbered and labeled for identification. These exhibits of the society were considered so meritorious that they were awarded a grand prize and the secretary a silver medal.

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Columbia, Mo., Aug. 5.—The annual report of A. Sampson, secretary of the State Historical Society, made to-day, shows that during the last six months there have been added to the collection of the society 1,422 bound volumes, 1,255 pamphlets and 518 serial numbers, a total of more than 3,000 publications.

In addition to these there have been added to the library more than 100 volumes of newspapers, many almost unprinted, and a number of rare and valuable manuscripts.

The most important single donation has been one manuscript obtained from the grandchildren of Brigadier General Thomas A. Smith of Boone County, being papers that belonged to the General and dating from the year 1812.

General Smith was born in Virginia in 1781 and entered the United States Army in 1801. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 1812, and was in command of the 1st Missouri Infantry during the war of 1812.

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FRENCH NATIONALS IN PERIL

Depopulation Worrying Citizens of the Republic—Fear Country Is in Way to Become Third-Class Power.

Paris, Aug. 5.—There is no more worrying, persistent question in French economy than that of depopulation. Nothing is so vital to the French Republic as the fact that in Germany there are 60,000 more births annually than in France; nothing is so vital to the French Republic as the fact that in Germany there are 60,000 more births annually than in France.

The way in which the nightmare of depopulation has stalked in upon every citizen of the French Republic is shown by the following: In 1896 the population of European nations was, in round numbers, 500,000,000. Of these, 25,000,000 were French. In 1900 the figures were, respectively, 540,000,000 and 28,000,000. Thus, France had 25,000,000 more in 1900 than in 1896, and now has only 11 per cent of it. At one time, France was spoken of as the "world's workshop," and today she is spoken of as the "world's graveyard."

The following table shows the development of the population in the principal countries of Europe during the last half of the last century.

France; nothing more vexatious than the remark of Count Moltke: "Every year by your birth rate we gain a battle over France."	Swiss Valley Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce, 1-lb. cans, per can.....	4c	Lunch Biscuits, per package.....	7c
The way in which the nightmare of depopulation has stalked the European continent	Chicken Loaf, 1/2-lb. cans, per dozen.....	1/2c	Large new-crop German Pickles, per dozen.....	15c